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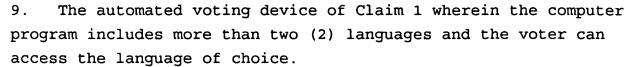
What is claimed is:

1.   An automated voting device comprising:

   a)   a voting station having an integrated computer program using an integrated pointing device;

   b)   a graphical user interface for displaying information and ballots;

   c)   a counter for counting votes;

   d)   said counted votes displayed on said interface;

   e)   said computer program includes the ability for the voter to write in votes and record the write in votes;

   f)   said votes stored in multiple places in said program for retrieval;

   g)   test programs to verify the accuracy of the voting station pre and post election.

2.   The automated voting device of Claim 1 wherein said voting station includes at least two (2) security check operations.

3.   The automated voting device of Claim 2 wherein one (1) of said security operations is an external device inserted into said voting device to activate said voting device.

4.   The automated voting device of Claim 2 wherein one (1) of said security operations is the entry of an internal password provided by the election authority.

5.   The automated voting device of Claim 2 wherein a seal provided by the election authorities is a ~~fixed to~~ *affixed to* said voting device, said seal numbers recorded separately from said station.

6.   The automated voting device of Claim 1 wherein the ~~touch screen~~ *"Graphical User Interface"* is the only interface between the voter and the automated voting station.

7.   The automated voting station of Claim 1 wherein the computer program permits the voter to void his ballot prior to casting.

8.   The automated voting device of Claim 1 wherein the automated voting device is interconnected to other like stations and one of said automated voting stations selected to control the remaining voting stations.

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9.   The automated voting device of Claim 1 wherein the computer program includes more than two (2) languages and the voter can access the language of choice.

10.   The automated computer device of Claim 1 wherein the voter confirms on said interface all selections made by poll watchers and as portrayed on the interface.

11.   The automated voting device of Claim 1 wherein a printer connected to said voting station for printing results of the vote on said station.

12.   The automated voting device of Claim 8 wherein the plurality of interconnected voting stations are controlled as to the selection of valid information by the controlling voting station.

13.   The automated voting device of Claim 8 wherein said controlling voting station is programmed to transfer data regarding the voting to other locations while maintaining the vote results from individual voting devices separate.

14.   The method of using individual computer voting stations and computer networking of said voter stations for automated voting comprising the steps of:

    a)   activating each of said individual computer voting stations utilizing security operations;

    b)   testing for program accuracy with preelection check program;

    c)   authorizing by code for each voter activation of a ballot on an individual voting station;

    d)   interactively displaying ballot information on screens and receiving voter input from said individual computer station;

15.   The method of Claim 14 and further comprising the step of recording and tabulating each vote entered by each voter in said voting station.

16.   The method of Claim 14 further comprising the step of inactivating the vote capability of each individual station.

17. The method of Claim 14 further comprising the step of transferring information to a related printer and printing out the recorded information from said individual voting station.

18. The method of Claim 14 and further comprising the step of inactivating said individual voting stations.

19. The method of Claim 14 and further comprising the step of testing the individual voting units for post election accuracy.

20. The method of Claim 14 and further comprising the step of inactivating and removing the security signals from individual stations.

21. The method of Claim 14 and further comprising the step of interconnecting a plurality of said individual voting stations.

22. The method of Claim 21 and further comprising the step of selecting one (1) of the individual voting stations to become a controlling poll official station.

23. The method Claim 21 wherein comprising the further step of said controlling poll official station authorizing the code for each voter activation of the ballot on an individual voting station.